(*b*) whether they are aware that in almost all the houses in the affected area, there are malaria patients;

(*c*) whether they have considered the desirability of opening a dispensary for the eastern parts of Tiruvalla taluk to give immediate relief to malaria patients; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the public are heartily co-operating with the department in carrying out the preventive measures?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the localities actually infected a high percentage of the population is affected.

(*c*) Sixteen treatment centres have been opened. In addition a malaria dispensary at Ezhumattoor has been sanctioned.

(*d*) Yes.

Outbreak of Malaria.

374. ***MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) which are the malaria stricken pakuthies in the Changanacherry and Peermade taluks;

(*b*) the number of deaths on account of malaria in each of these pakuthies; and

(*c*) the nature of relief measures adopted in the case of each of these pakuthies?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) A *statement containing the information required is placed on the table.

(*c*) Eleven malaria treatment centres have been opened in the Changanacherry taluk in the pakuthies specified, and distribution of Quinine mixture and Quinine tablets to malarial patients is carried out by the Sanitary Assistants of the Department. In Peermade, besides distributing Quinine through the Sanitary Assistants, emergency spraying of houses in Azhutha, Kumili and in the Mettus is adopted.

Smallpox.

375. ***MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the attack of smallpox has taken an epidemic form in different areas of the State;

(*b*) which are the areas that are severely thus affected, and the number of attacks with the percentage of fatalities during the quarter ending with 31-1-1945;

(*c*) whether they have taken any special steps to combat the attack in these areas and if so, what are they; and

(*d*) if so, whether any special steps have been taken to deal with that situation in specific areas and what are they?

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7. The diet of the malaria-stricken patients will be given in the respective hospitals and dispensaries. The necessary steps will be taken for the purpose by the Surgeon General.

8. Any sub assistant surgeon who is found to be lacking in co-operation with the Public Health Department in combating malaria will be severely dealt with by the Surgeon General.

9. The Medical Officers in charge of all the hospitals and dispensaries in the infected areas will see that mixtures are made and given to every patient who is stricken with malaria and also for the supply of quinine tablets whenever needed.

10. Anti-malarial drugs will be supplied by the Surgeon General to all the medical institutions in the State in sufficient quantities and all Medical Officers who are found not distributing it properly will be dealt with severely.

11. In the affected areas the co-operation of the village officer and the subordinates of the Education and the Police departments will be sought and made use of in combating the spread of the epidemic and bringing it under control as quickly as possible. The Division Peishkars and the Inspector General of Police have instructions to arrange for the necessary assistance and co-operation being given by their subordinates.

12. As a sort of relief measure, arrangements will be made for local paddy being made available as far as possible for distribution among the infected people and also for kerosene and sugar being supplied to them in reasonable quantities.

Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 374.

Statement of malaria stricken pakuthies with deaths till 31st Mithunam 1120.

CHANGANACHERRY TALUK.

Pakuthy.		*No. of deaths.*
Nedunkunnam	...	11
Vellavoor	...	...
Vazhur	...	...
Chirakadavu	...	...
Kanjirapalli north	...	...
Cheruvalli	...	..
Kanjirapalli south	...	1
Manimala	...	10

PEERMADE TALUK.

Pakuthy		
Peermade	...	26
Vandiperiyar	...	3
Vandanmettu	...	4
Peruvanthanom	...	19

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